

DUXBURY HISTORY FILE
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Historic Homes Host Joint Tours



1699 Winslow House with attached 1920 tea room.

The Isaac Winslow House at the corner of Webster and Careswell streets in Marshfield and the John Alden House at 105 Alden St. in Duxbury will co-host a "Friends to Foes" tour on Sept. 3.

The first "Friends to Foes" tour, a demonstration of how political forces at the time of the American Revolution drove the descendants of the early Pilgrim settlers apart, was so successful that a specially-scheduled date has been reserved for those who may not be able to attend as part of a large bus tour. There will be 2 tours on Sept. 3, the first at 10 am and the 2nd at 2, beginning at the Alden House.

The tour of the Alden House includes a living history presentation of Mercy Wadsworth Alden, wife of patriot Briggs Alden. The tour then continues in Marshfield at the Isaac Winslow House, home of loyalist Dr. Isaac Winslow, descendant of Marshfield founder and 3-time Plymouth Colony Governor Edward Winslow, and includes a visit to the law office of Marshfield statesman Daniel Webster.

Tea will be served at the Winslow House by hostesses in period dress. It is the same blend of tea that Dr. Winslow served his guests and that the colonists threw overboard in Boston, in 1775.

"Friends to Foes" is a theme tour that provides several contrasting perspectives on a turbulent time. Within 4 generations, 2 families with a common history developed a set of widening differences which proved to be irreconcilable. Their earlier closeness was destroyed



Front of John Alden House, 1653 by the rebel dedication to Liberty and American independence from the Crown.

Advance purchase of tickets at the Alden House is required. Tours are limited to a maximum of 45 persons. Wheelchair accessibility is limited as both houses have narrow doorways and steep staircases.

For more information, call 934-9092.